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ATLANTA 22, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 17, 1962

Professor James W. Silver
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Jim:

I appreciate your letter, received this morning.

I immediately went to look at the New York Times. I plowed through the Sunday issue, thinking that was the one you meant. Just now I have found the Saturday issue and there you are on the front page. I hope that the consequences will not be as dire as you fear. At any rate, you can have the consolation of knowing that very few college professors make the front page of the New York Times.

However, when I recall the tremendous uproar about Joe's picture appearing in Life magazine in an integrated situation, I do fear for you. Be careful. Worry not for the fact that Gail is in school. I think it would be a good idea for you and Dutch to head on to Florida or some other destination on your research, but I doubt if it is practicable for you to leave, and you may feel that you have to face the issue sooner or later and just as well now. All the family join me in greeting and good wishes.

As ever,

Beel
Bell Wiley

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